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1. NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA,

COMMERCE, FILES YIELDED NO INFORMATION CONCERNING PREVIOUS POLISH-MOROCCAN CONTACTS IN THE AREA OF FISHERIES. COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE MID-1960S, ON THE OTHER HAND, INVOLVED A \$30 MILLION ECONOMIC AID CREDIT MADE AVAILABLE BY POLAND. THE CREDIT WENT LARGELY UNUSED FOR SEVERAL YEARS BECAUSE POLAND APPARENTLY HAD LITTLE TO OFFER THAT COINCIDED WITH MOROCCAN INTERESTS. SEVERAL POLISH TECHNICAL ADVISORS WERE WORKING IN THE COUNTRY'S AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, AND POLAND OFFERED 20 OR MORE SCHOLARSHIPS TO MOROCCAN STUDENTS. NO FISHERIES AID AGREEMENTS WERE CONCLUDED AT THAT TIME, AS FAR AS NMFS KNOWS.

2. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED UNITED STATES-POLAND AGREEMENT ON PACIFIC FISHERIES WILL PROVIDE THE RFA WITH BACKGROUND CONCERNING POLISH FISHING OPERATIONS OFF THE COASTS OF THE U.S. AND THE PROBLEMS

ASSOCIATED WITH THESE OPERATIONS. AS A RESULT OF THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENT, POLAND AGREED TO INCREASED RESTRICTIONS AND CONTROLS ON ITS FISHING OPERATIONS FOR 1976. MOST SIGNIFICANT WAS A REDUCTION OF 39 PERCENT IN POLAND'S CATCH OF PACIFIC HAKE AND THE APPLICATION OF DIRECT CONTROLS ON FISHING EFFORT FOR HAKE IN THE FORM OF VESSEL DAYS ON THE GROUNDS. UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT POLAND WILL MOVE ITS FLEET SEAWARD OFF THE U.S. COAST AFTER IT HAS REACHED ITS HAKE QUOTA OF 26,000 METRIC TONS OR 936 VESSEL DAYS, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST. THE NUMBER OF POLISH VESSELS OFF THE U.S. PACIFIC COAST WAS ALSO REDUCED, PACIFIC HERRING WAS ADDED TO THE LIST OF PROHIBITED SPECIES, AND SEVERAL NEW TIME AND AREA CLOSURES TO POLISH FISHING WERE OBTAINED. (REFTELS B, C, AND D WERE INFO CASABLANCA AND CONTAIN FURTHER BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON THIS SUBJECT. IF THE RFA HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THEM, PLEASE INFORM NMFS IMMEDIATELY.)

3. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE RFA OBTAINING THE NAMES AND POSITIONS OF POLISH DELEGATES. NMFS WILL IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE AVAILABLE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION. RFA IS ALSO REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IN GREATEST POSSIBLE DETAIL THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PURPOSE OF THE DELEGATION'S VISIT TO MOROCCO, INCLUDING TERMS OF ANY AID OR JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT.

4. WILL THE POLES VISIT OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES? WHICH AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE? DID THEY COME DIRECTLY FROM WARSAW?

5. NMFS IS SORRY FOR LATE REPLY BUT RFA TELEGRAM REACHED

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